



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Goshen, IN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Goshen was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Goshen (population 29,700) is located in northern Indiana. The city has a long history of manufacturing activity that has left a legacy of contaminated, abandoned, and underused industrial buildings. There are at least 100 brownfields in the city. The targeted cleanup sites are located in the Millrace Canal Redevelopment Area, which was the industrial center of the city. A hydroelectric plant on the Millrace Canal provided power for early industrial facilities. Approximately one-third of residents in the target area are Hispanic, African-American, or other minorities. When the two properties are cleaned up, the city plans to redevelop them into residential housing. A walking and bicycling trail next to the canal also is planned. The



Cleanup Grants

New
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\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Goshen for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Omnisource property on the 500 block of South 3rd Street, which is contaminated with volatile organic compounds, metals, and PCBs. The site was used as a junk yard and a scrap metal and welding supply outlet for almost 100 years. Grant funds also will be used to clean up the Gordy property at 317 Douglas Street. This site was used for rubber manufacturing, and is contaminated with volatile organic compounds and metals. Funds from both grants will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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city has committed a significant amount of city resources for the acquisition, remediation, and infrastructure improvements needed for this project.